

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 ROME 02186 131927Z

21

ACTION IO-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 NEA-09 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03

H-01 INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02

SS-15 USIA-06 /075 W

----- 018356

R 131712Z FEB 75

FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9524

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

USMISSION USUN

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

USMISSION GENEVA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ROME 2186

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, VT, UN

SUBJECT: SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM VISITS VATICAN

SUMMARY: DURING TWO AND HALF HOURS WHEN HE MET INDIVIDUALLY WITH POPE PAUL AND THREE OTHER TOP VATICAN OFFICIALS, SEC GEN DISCUSSED VATICAN PARTICIPATION IN UN ACTIVITIES AND SITUATION IN CYPRUS, MIDDLE EAST, VIETNAM AND AFRICA. ACCORDING TO VATICAN NO NEW GROUND WAS BROKEN NOR WAS VATICAN ASKED TO INCREASE ITS ACTIVITIES IN ANY OF THE AREAS DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY.

1. POPE PAUL RECEIVED UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM IN PRIVATE AUDIENCE ON FEB. 11. WALDHEIM WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR VITTORIO WINSPEARE GUICCIARDI, DIR GEN OF THE EUROPEAN OFFICE OF UN, AND MRS. WALDHEIM. VATICAN ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT AFTER VISIT:

BEGIN QUOTE HIS HOLINESS WISHED TO CONFIRM TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS THE ESTEEM AND APPRECIATION, THE HOPES AND GOOD WISHES WITH WHICH THE HOLY SEE LOOKS UPON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TOGETHER WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT WHICH IT GIVES, ESPECIALLY TO THE INITIATIVES IN-

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 ROME 02186 131927Z

TENDED TO PROMOTE PEACE, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND THE PROGRESS

OF ALL PEOPLES, ON THE BASIS AND IN THE REAFFIRMATION OF THE HIGHEST ETHICAL AND LEGAL PRINCIPLES WHICH ARE THE IDEAL AND STATUTORY FOUNDATION OF THE GREAT ORGANIZATION.

REVEALING THAT THE UNITED NATIONS, AS AN INSTITUTIONAL FORM WHICH THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS CREATED TO PREVENT AND HELP TO REVOLVE CONFLICTS WITH JUSTICE AND EQUITY AND TO PROMOTE MUTUAL COOPERATION ON THE EVER GREATER AND MORE COMPLEX PROBLEMS WHICH CONFRONT MANKIND, FINDS ITSELF BEFORE RESPONSIBILITIES EQUAL TO THE HIGH OBLIGATION WHICH IT HAS ASSUMED. HIS HOLINESS POPE PAUL VI DISCUSSED WITH HIS ILLUSTRIOUS GUEST IN PARTICULAR THE PROBLEMS OF PEACE IN CYPRUS AND THE MIDDLE EAST, THE QUESTION OF JERUSALEM AND THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SITUATION IN VIETNAM, AS WELL AS SEVERAL AREAS OF AFRICA.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, IN EXPRESSING HIS AND THE UNITED NATIONS' KEEN RECOGNITION FOR THE CONSTANT SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT GIVEN BY THE HOLY FATHER TO THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND FOR THE VARIED PARTICIPATION OF THE HOLY SEE IN ITS ACTIVITIES, REPEATED TO HIS HOLINESS ASSURANCES OF THE TIRELESS EFFORTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND HIMSELF TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES SET OUT BY THE ORGANIZATION AND FOR AN EVER MORE COMPLETE RESPONSE TO THE TASKS WHICH HUMANITY ENTRUSTS TO IT.

AT THE END OF THE AUDIENCE, MRS. WALDHEIM AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S PARTY WERE ADMITTED TO THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY FATHER.

DURING THE MORNING, HIS EXCELLENCY DR. WALDHEIM HAD CALLED ON HIS EMINENCE JEAN CARDINAL VILLOT, SECRETARY OF STATE, AND MET WITH H.E. AGOSTINO CASAROLI, SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OF THE CHURCH. END QUOTE.

2. RANKING VATICAN OFFICIAL INFORMED US FEB. 13 THAT MAIN EMPHASIS OF WALDHEIM'S DISCUSSIONS WAS VATICAN PARTICIPATION IN UN AND VARIOUS UN AGENCIES. VATICAN INTERLOCUTORS MADE CLEAR TO SECGEN THAT, DESPITE PRESSURE FROM SEVERAL QUARTERS, HOLY SEE HAD NO INTENTION TO SEEK FULL MEMBERSHIP IN UN AND OTHER AGENCIES WHERE THEY PRESENTLY HAVE OBSERVER STATUS. HOLY SEE FEELS FULLY ABLE TO FULFILL ITS MISSION AS OBSERVER AND FEARS THAT FULL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 ROME 02186 131927Z

MEMBERSHIP, WITH ITS RIGHT TO VOTE, WOULD MERELY POLITICIZE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN AN UNACCEPTABLE WAY. SOURCE ASSURED US THAT NO NEW GROUND WAS BROKEN IN DISCUSSIONS OF CYPRUS, MIDDLE EAST, JERUSALEM, VIETNAM OR AFRICA. QUESTION OF EVENTUAL HOLY SEE PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA CONFERENCE ON MIDDLE EAST DID NOT ARISE. AFRICAN PORTION OF DISCUSSIONS CONCENTRATED ON SITUATION IN ADDIS ABABA WITH POPE EXPRESSING PARTICULAR CONCERN FOR ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT'S REFUSAL TO PERMIT RED CROSS RELIEF MISSIONS INTO

ERITREA ON GROUND THAT ETHIOPIA HAS RELIEF AND SUPPLY SITUATION
TOTALLY UNDER CONTROL. POPE SAID HE HOPED WALDHEIM COULD CON-
VINCE ETHIOPIANS OF NEED TO ACCEPT RED CROSS ASSISTANCE. VOLPE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MINISTERIAL VISITS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 13 FEB 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975ROME02186
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750053-0827
From: ROME
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750246/aaaabowh.tel
Line Count: 118
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06 JUN 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <09 JUN 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM VISITS VATICAN SUMMARY: DURING TWO AND HALF HOURS WHEN HE MET INDIVIDUALLY
TAGS: PFOR, VT, UN, (WALDHEIM, KURT), (POPE PAUL)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006